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1. ACCORDING TO HEADLINED JUNE 23 PRESS REPORTS, MEETING
OF PM SALEM WITH GOVERNORS AND CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL COUNCILS
PREVIOUS DAY RESULTED IN DECISION TO CURTAIL NUMBER OF
EMPLOYEES IN CENTRAL OFFICES OF MINISTRIES EDUCATION,
HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING, MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS,
AND IN YOUTH DEPT. FOR LOCAL GOVERNATES. NUMBER OF OFFICIALS
WORKING AT HEADQUARTERS OF EACH MINISTRY WILL BE LIMITED
TO 100, WITH BALANCE OF PRESENT STAFF TO BE TRANSFERRED TO
GOVERNATES STARTING JULY 1. (IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MANY
EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY WOULD THEORETICALLY BE AFFECTED BY DECISION.)
MINISTRY OFFICES IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA WILL BE CLOSED TO FURTHER
EMPLOYMENT EXCEPT IN CASES OF "EXTREME NECESSITY", WHICH WILL
BE DECIDED BY CABINET.

2. COMMENT. SOURCES AT MINISTRIES HEALTH AND EDUCATION HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT REORGANIZATION PLANS ARE BEING PREPARED--AT LEAST IN PART BECAUSE OF "PRESSURES FROM ABOVE". ALTHOUGH STRUCTURALLY SIGNIFICANT, THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REORGANIZATIONS DO NOT YET INCLUDE SHIFT OF LARGE NUMBERS OFFICIALS TO GOVERNATES, HOWEVER. MOST IMPORTANT EFFECT OF DECISION THEREFORE MAY BE PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT IN ALEXANDRIA AND CAIRO MINISTRY OFFICES; POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE DECISION TO FORCE OFFICIALS TO COUNTRYSIDE MAY NOT SOON BECOME AN ISSUE. END. COMMENT. EILTS

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